

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Shinichi SAEKI et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: Application Branch**  
Filed July 24, 2001 : **Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1038**  
OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS, :  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE :  
RECORDING MEDIUM :  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional :  
of Serial No. 09/671,107, :  
Filed September 28, 2000)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, between the title of the invention and the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":**

This is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of 09/671,107, filed September 28, 2000 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/502,779, filed February 11, 2000 now Patent No. 6,229,955 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/154,896, filed September 17, 1998 now Patent No. 6,078,727.

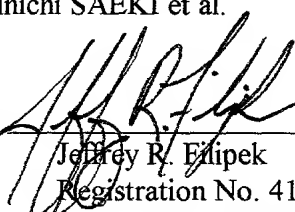
**REMARKS**

It is requested that the above amendments be entered prior to examination.

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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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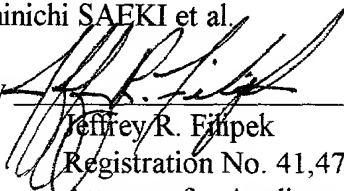
Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 09-251993, filed September 17, 1997, Japanese Patent Application No. 09-252000, filed September 17, 1997, and Japanese Patent Application No. 10-251068, filed September 4, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent Patent No. 6,078,727, which is the parent of Patent No. 6,229,955, which is the parent of application Serial No. 09/671,107, filed September 28, 2000, which is the parent of the present application.

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